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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority

Project No. 7783-000

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION BY IMPLIED SURRENDER  
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, PROTESTS, AND MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission:

- a. Type of Proceeding: Termination of exemption by implied surrender
- b. Project No.: 7783-000
- c. Date Initiated: February 21, 2013
- d. Exemptee: Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority
- e. Name and Location of Project: The Cedar Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Deep River in Randolph County, North Carolina.
- f. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 4.106
- g. Exemptee Contact Information: Greg Flory, P.O. Box 1326, Randleman, North Carolina, 27317.
- h. FERC Contact: Krista Sakallaris (202)502-6302 or [Krista.Sakallaris@ferc.gov](mailto:Krista.Sakallaris@ferc.gov)
- i. Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene is **30 days** from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. Please file your submittal electronically via the Internet (eFiling) in lieu of paper. Please refer to the instructions on the Commission's Web site under <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp> and filing instructions in the Commission's Regulations at 18 CFR section 385.2001(a)(1)(iii).<sup>1</sup> To assist you with eFilings you should refer to the submission guidelines document at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/user-guide.pdf>. In addition, certain filing requirements have statutory or regulatory formatting and other instructions. You should refer to a list of these "qualified documents" at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs->

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ferc.gov/legal/fed-sta.asp> Select the link for Code of Federal Regulations and navigate to §385.2001.

[filing/efiling/filing.pdf](#). You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. Please include the project number (P-7783-000) on any documents or motions filed. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings; otherwise, you should submit an original and seven copies of its submittal to the following address: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Mail Code: DHAC, PJ-12, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426

j. Description of Existing Facilities: The inoperative project consists of the following existing facilities: 1) an existing reservoir behind an upstream dam of two existing dams in the project, with a surface area of 2.5 acres and a storage capacity of 9.0 acre-feet; 2) a 125-foot-long, 6-foot-high concrete slab and buttress, upstream dam; 3) a 80-foot-long, 9-foot-high dam 300 feet downstream from the upstream dam and located on the left side of an island that splits Deep River into two streams; 4) the use of 70-feet of an existing 15-foot-wide, 200-foot-long intake canal; 5) a penstock off the right side of the intake canal; 6) a powerhouse with two turbine/generator units operating at a hydraulic head of 16-feet for a total installed capacity of 275 kW; 7) a 50-foot-long transmission line; 8) and appurtenant facilities.

k. Description of Proceeding: The exemptee is in violation of Standard Article 1 of its exemption, which was granted on September 6, 1984 (28 FERC ¶ 62,338). The Commission's regulation, 18 CFR 4.106, provides, among other things, that the Commission reserves the right to revoke an exemption if any term or condition of the exemption is violated. During a May 2006 dam safety inspection, Commission staff found that the project stopped operating sometime after 2003.

Commission staff inspected the project again in March 2009 and in August 2012. The exemptee did not provide a project representative during either of these inspections. The Commission attempted to contact the exemptee, requiring a plan and schedule to resume operation; the exemptee did not respond.

In November 2012 and again in January 2013 the Commission sent letters requiring the exemptee to file a plan and schedule to restore project operation or an application to surrender the project. The letter stated that the Commission would begin an implied surrender process if the plan was not filed. To date, the exemptee has not filed a response and the project remains inoperable.

l. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-7783-000) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the notice. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene -- Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents -- Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the project number of the proceeding to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, protests or motions to intervene must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, protests, or motions to intervene should relate to project works which are the subject of the termination of exemption. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the Exemptee specified in item g above. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this notice must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. Agency Comments – Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

Dated: February 21, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.